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POLYMERSRESPONSE to NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENTCommissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated December 2, 2004. The Examiner had checked the Box 4.C. - that each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier. Applicant has taken over the case from outside counsel, therefore it is possible our paperwork does not match that on file at the USPTO. According to the Final Office Action dated January 6, 2004, of which the current application is an RCE, the Examiner had allowed claims 1-34, 36-39, 41-48, 71 and 72. Claim 72 was rejected (both allowed

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and rejected?). The only change Applicant has made is to cancel claim 72. Therefore, previously canceled claims 35, 40, 49-70 have the status indicator of "canceled", the allowed claims have the status indicator of "Previously presented", and the only change from the claims as they currently stand is that Applicant is now canceling claim 72 (now having the status indicator of "canceled").

The only problem Applicant can find with the claims as presented in our RCE of November 9, 2004, is that "Previously" and "Canceled" were not capitalized, and "Canceled" was misspelled as "cancelled". These have been corrected in the attached Amendment.

If there is something else, Applicant requests the Examiner to specifically point out the claim number and perceived error, so it can be properly corrected.